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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/809,563	Applicant(s) YANTZI, DONALD J.	
	Examiner PETER POLTORAK	Art Unit 2134	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 February 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 26-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 26-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 2/20/08 has been entered.
2. Applicant's amendment introduced the new limitations into the independent claims 1 and 26 and dependent claims 4 and 29. The newly introduced limitations required a new search and consideration.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5 and 26-27 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-5 and 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The specification does not explicitly recite the term "software tools" and as a result, the examiner is not able to definitely determine whether "one of a plurality of software tools" recited in claim 1 line 6

should be “one of the plurality of software tools” given the fact that “a plurality of software tools” is recited in the preamble, or whether applicant attempts to distinguish these software tools. In light of the phrase “to one of said software tools” recited in claim 1 line 12, the examiner assumes that the second “one of a plurality of software tools” should read “one of said plurality of software tools”. Similar problem should be addressed in claim 26.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-5 and 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(B) as being anticipated by Nielsen (USPN 6182229).

As per claims 1 and 26, Nielsen teaches providing a password registry for storing passwords within a workstation (database of encrypted passwords, Abstract); allowing each of a plurality of software tools to register its password (Fig. 1B and col. 1 lines 32-43) in said password registry via a respective one of a plurality of front-end processes within said workstation, wherein each said password is encrypted by said respective front-end process before being stored in said password registry (col. 1 line 61- column 2 line 6); in response to an access request to one of said software tools via a corresponding one of said front-end processes, determining an encrypted password associated with said requested software tool is stored in said password registry and in a determination that said encrypted password associated within said software tool is stored in said password registry, sending said encrypted password

from said password registry to said corresponding front-end process for decryption in order to permit said access request (col. 4 lines 46-64), and in a determination that said encrypted password associated within said software tool is not stored in said password registry, notifying said front-end process to prompt for a password from a user (col. 4 lines 64-66).

6. As per claims 2-3, Nielsen discloses associating each of the encrypted passwords with at least one of a user ID, a resource hostname, and a resource type (e.g. Fig. 2 and associate text).
7. As per claims 4-5, Nielsen discloses retrieving a corresponding one of said encrypted passwords using a query key uniquely identifying said each system software tool and its associated encrypted password for said each system resource, wherein the query key is at least one of user ID, said resource hostname, and said resource type (col. 4 lines 60-64).
8. Claims 26-30 are substantially similar to claims 1-5; thus, claims 26-30 are similarly rejected.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Johnson (USPN 6295607),

Huang (USPN 6192361).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kambiz Zand whose telephone number is (571) 272-3811. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (8:00-5:00).

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